Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) Update

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Agenda

- **Installation of AIRS Suite at Long Mesa**

- **AIRS MOU requests from Non-Governmental Organizations, Public Service Organizations, and Secondary Responders**

- **Interoperability Channel Plan**

- **Communication Unit Workgroup Policies and Procedures**

- **Interoperability Updates**

- **Next SIEC Meeting**

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Installation of AIRS Suite at Long Mesa

- **Approved Request:** The Arizona Division of Emergency Management (ADEM) requested approval for placement of an AIRS repeater suite at the existing Bureau of Indian Affairs Truxton Canyon Agency's (BIA TCA's) communication site at Long Mesa.

  - As a result, Coconino County will gain significant additional coverage in the previously underserved western part of the county and the Havasupai Tribe will receive its first AIRS coverage.

  - The Long Mesa project will make use of one of three AIRS flyaway suites belonging to ADEM.

  - DPS and ADEM are collaborating to provide the remaining equipment and labor required to install and activate the repeater suite.

  - An MOU/IGA must be established prior to the installation, and that process is underway. If that process is completed in a timely manner, the implementation work is expected to be completed by the end of 2010

AIRS MOU Requests

- The Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) requested recommendations from the SIEC on a policy permitting use of the Arizona Interagency Radio System (AIRS) by Non-Governmental, Public Service and Secondary Responder Organizations.

- As awareness of AIRS has increased, a number of informal inquiries and requests from such organizations have been made to DPS and PSIC staff.

- Organizations to be covered by such a policy could include animal rescue groups, ski patrols, hospitals, volunteer search and rescue groups, and organizations identified in emergency plans as responsible for providing shelter.

- The SIEC requested that PSIC staff work with the SIEC operational and technical workgroups to develop a draft policy for fairly and uniformly permitting the use of AIRS by Non-governmental, Public Service and Secondary Responders.

Interoperability Channel Plan

- The SIEC workgroups continue to develop an Interoperability Channel Plan.

- The draft plan combines recommendations developed to date with existing standards and guidance (i.e. NCC, NPSTC, FCC).

- Additional standards needed to complete the plan include:

  - A statewide standard requirement to program a minimum number of specific 700 MHz national interoperability channels

  - Recommendation for primary and secondary "General Public Safety Service" channels to help users "know where to start"

  - Recommendation on how command interoperability with secondary responder organizations (i.e., Red Cross, Transportation, Pet Rescue) should be accomplished

Additional Standards

- Further standards needed to complete the plan include:

  - Establishment of statewide standards for secondary trunked use of General Public Safety Service channels, i.e. system keys, IDs, trunking personalities

  - Development of procedures outlining how the SIEC and 700 MHz Regional Planning Committee can interface to administer interoperability channels

- The workgroup is also developing recommendations to support implementation of the plan.

- The Draft Plan is a work in progress and available for review on the PSIC website.

Communication Unit Workgroup

Approved Request

The SIEC approved the creation of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Communication Unit Workgroup (NIMS-CU) and its procedures.

Supporting Information

• The Standing Workgroup will review qualifications of each Arizona Regional COML applicant and award recognition to qualified applicants.

• The Workgroup is responsible for maintaining a body of policies and procedures related to its work. These policies and procedures are subject to modification, review and approval by the SIEC.

• The Workgroup will have a minimum of four members, all appointed by the SIEC. A Chairman selected by the Workgroup will facilitate the conduct of its business.

• The PSIC Office will provide administrative support and serve as repository for Workgroup records.

• A minimum of one General Meeting of the Workgroup will be held annually. Application Review Meetings will be held as needed.

Interoperability Updates

Additional presentations at the August 17 SIEC meeting:

- AIRS Training Video & Rollout Plan

- Statewide Policies, Standards and Procedures Program

- Summary of APCO National Meeting (Houston)

- NECP Goal One National Reflections

All presentations are available on the PSIC website:

http://www.azgita.gov/psic

Next SIEC Meeting

- Date: Tuesday October 19th 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

- Location: ADOA, 100 N 15th Avenue - Conference Room 300 A-C

- Key Items for Discussion:

  - Updates from August Meeting:

    » Installation of AIRS Suite at Long Mesa

    » Recommendation regarding AIRS MOU Requests from NGOS, Public Service Organizations & Secondary responders

    » Interoperable Channel Plan Progress Report

    » Appointment of NIMS-Communication Unit Workgroup members

  - NPSTC Update

  - City of Mesa Police Department Reports - Use of 700 MHz Interoperability Channels; Use of Plain Language

  - AIRS Narrow banding Discussion

Questions?

Discussion